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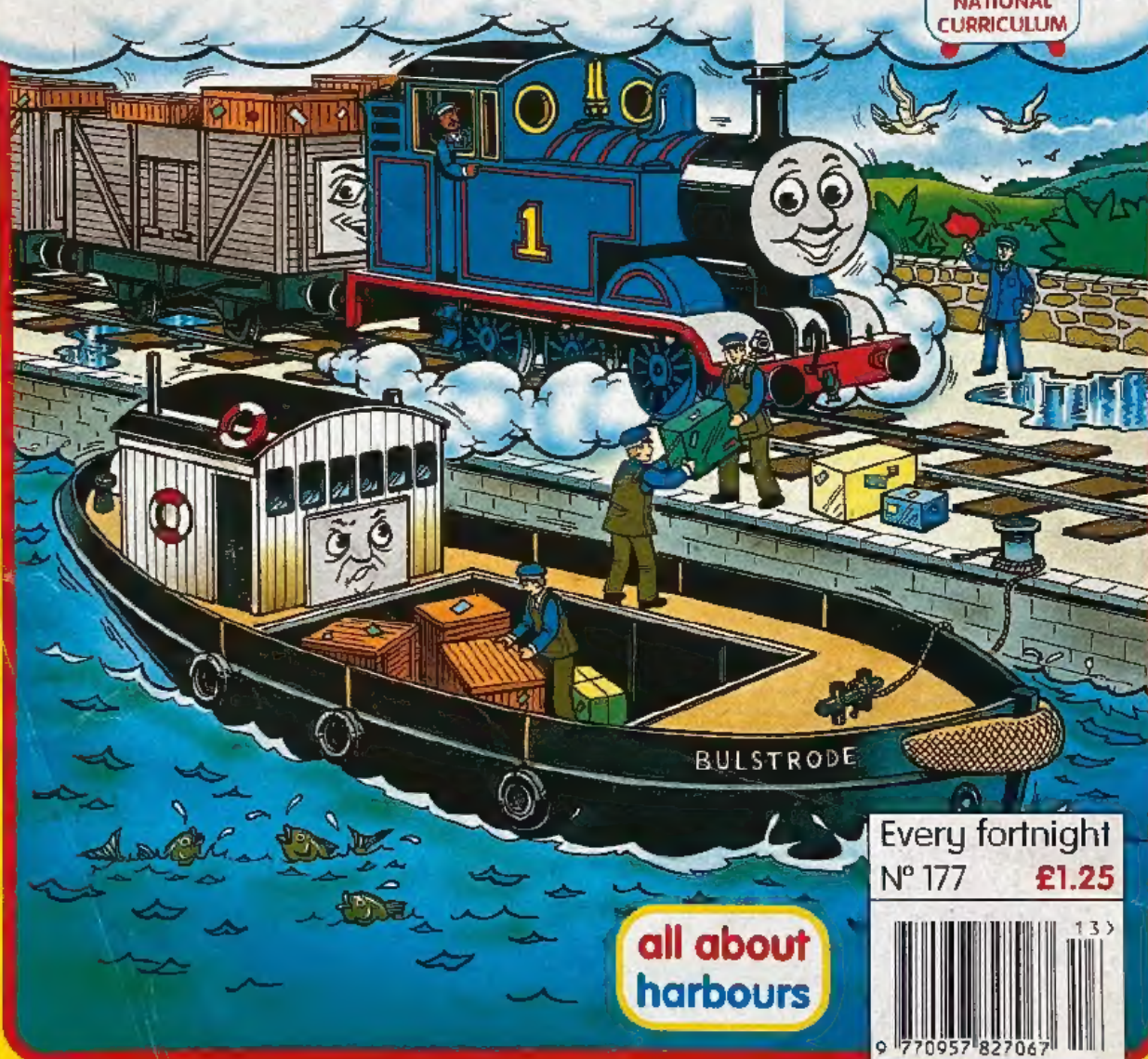
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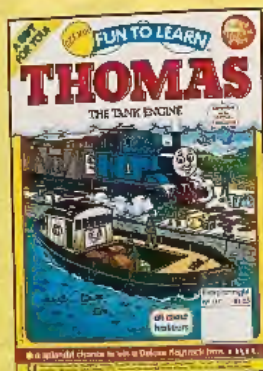


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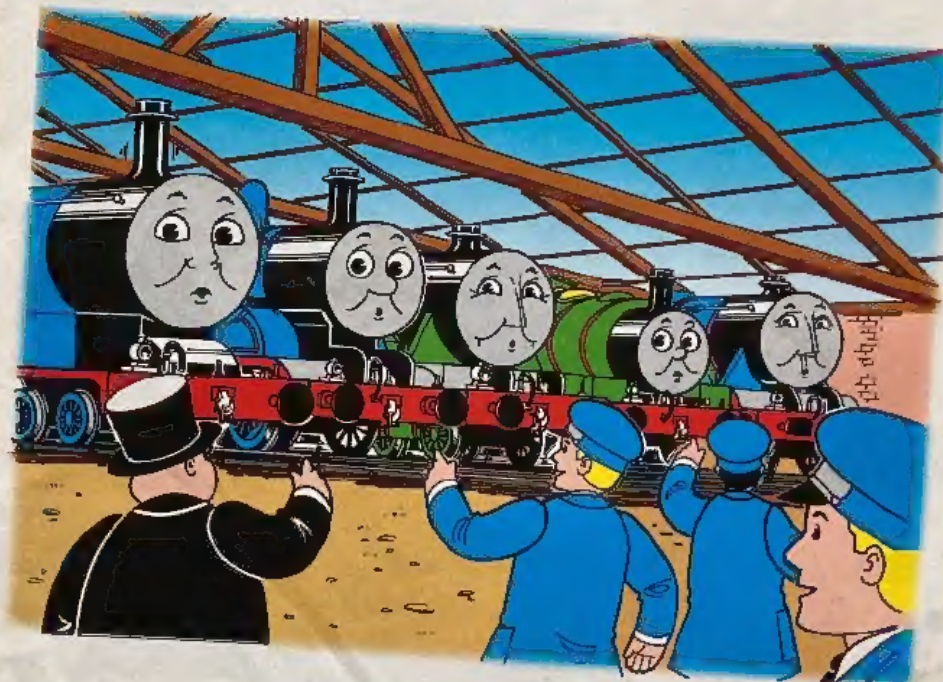
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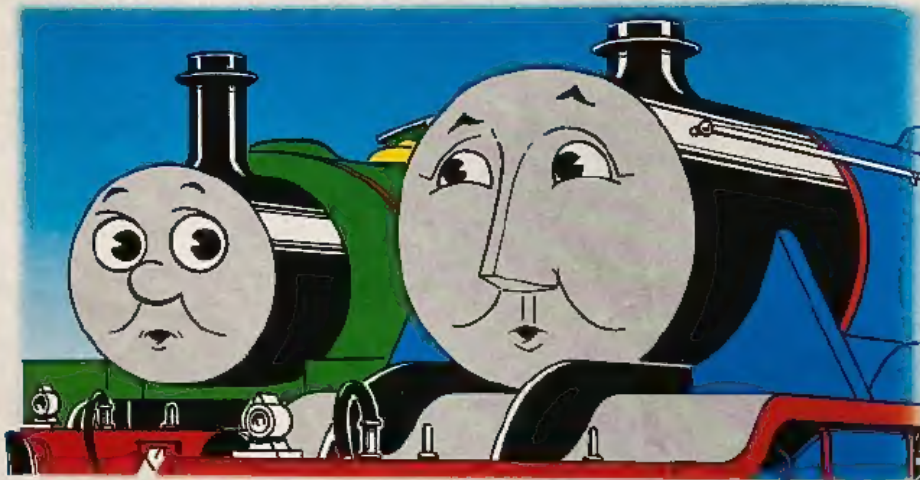
1 Sunday is usually a quiet day for the engines on the Island of Sodor. There are fewer passenger trains than on other days and usually no goods trains at all. So the engines were surprised when, one Sunday morning, they saw their drivers and firemen arrive.

2 "Why are you all here today?" asked Edward. "Special trains are needed," replied his driver. The Fat Controller arrived and said, "All engines are to take special trains from the harbour."

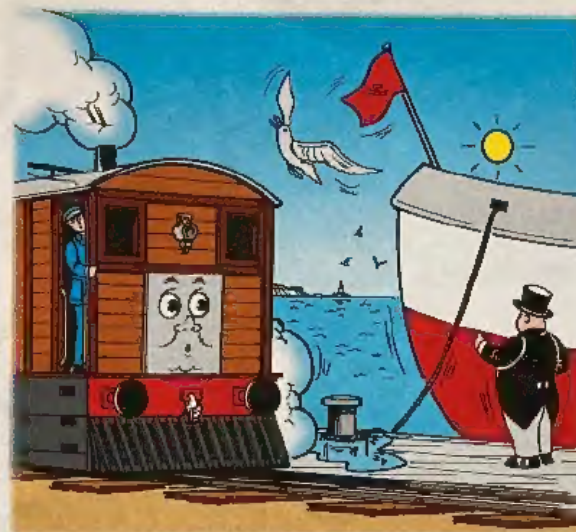
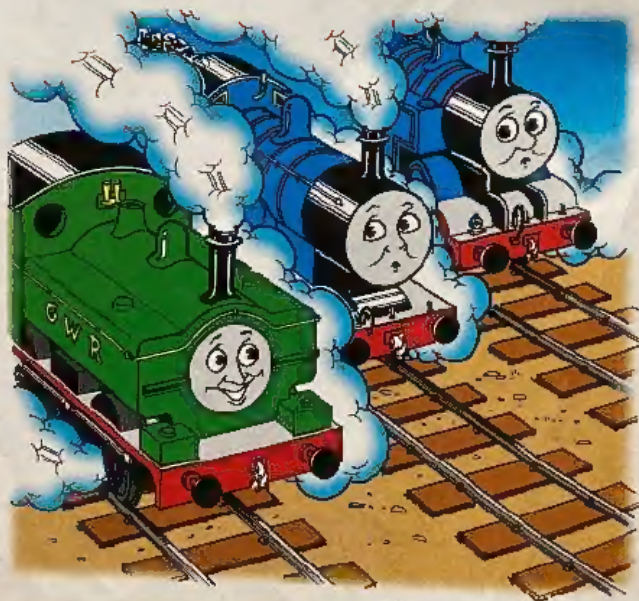


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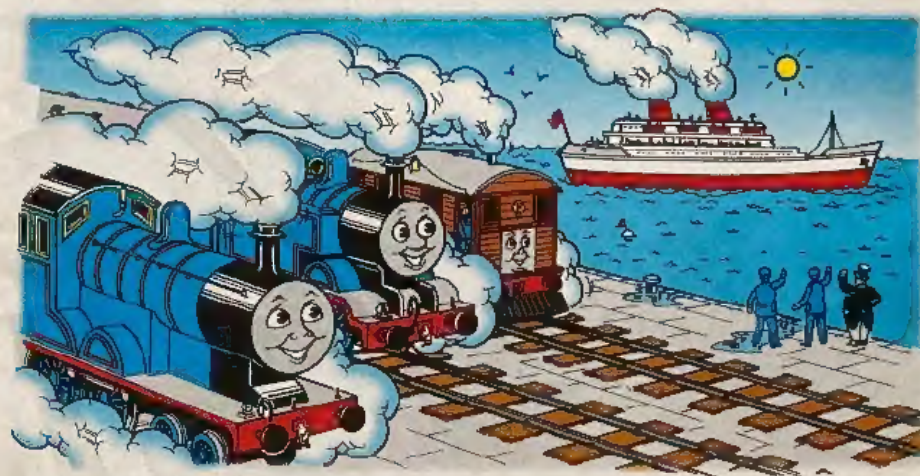
3 The engines were not pleased. "The harbour means trucks," said Gordon. "If we are all needed there must be many, many trucks," said Percy. "The harbour must be full of trucks," said Thomas. "They will be troublesome." "Oh dear," sighed Henry, "we are going to have a difficult day."



4 But then the Fat Controller told the engines to collect coaches from the yard. "Strange," said Duck. "We don't usually take coaches to the harbour." But the engines did as they were told and puffed off down the line to the harbour.



5 When they got there they could not believe their eyes. The biggest ship they had ever seen was by the quay. It was gleaming white, with tall red funnels. "That's a cruise ship," said Toby's driver. "It is full of people taking a holiday," said the Fat Controller. "Today is a special day for them as they are to have tours of our railway."



6 The engines all peeped their whistles in delight! Passengers got off the big ship and into the coaches. The engines took them to many different parts of the island before taking them back to the harbour. The passengers got back on the big ship and the engines watched it sail away. They all agreed it had been a splendid day!

COUNTING TIME

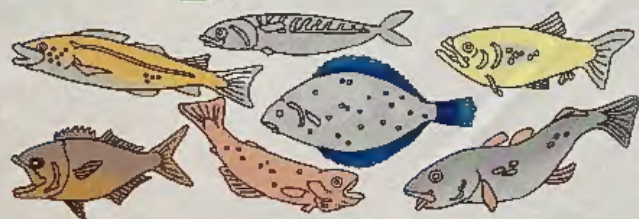
Thomas and his friends see lots of things down at the harbour. Here are some of them, for you to count.



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boats



fish



lighthouses



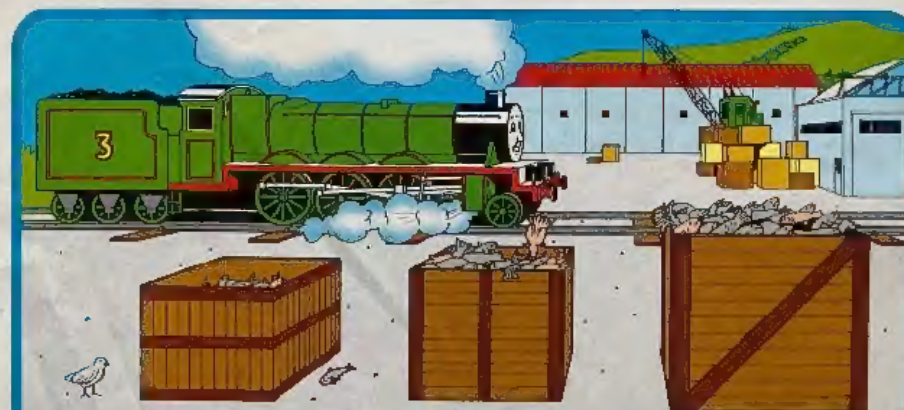
seagulls



crates



barge



Henry is waiting to collect some crates of fish at the harbour. Put a circle round the **biggest** crate.



AT THE HARBOUR

A harbour is a place where ships come in and go out.



Can you see the large ship?

At big harbours large ships carry whole trains of wagons loaded with goods. The ship takes the wagons across the sea, from one harbour to another.

Goods are loaded into container wagons. Engines pull container wagons along specially built tracks, on to the ship.

Point to the driver.



As the ship enters the harbour, it enters another harbour. Here the containers are unloaded from the wagons by giant cranes.



When the ship has crossed the sea, it enters another harbour. Here the containers are unloaded from the wagons by giant cranes.

What colour is the giant crane?

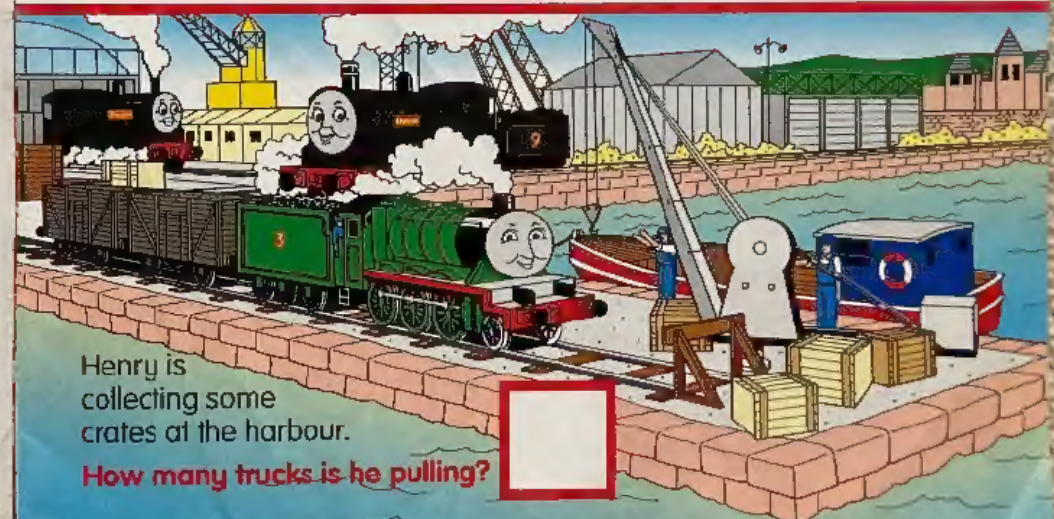


The containers are loaded into container wagons, ready to be pulled by an engine away from the harbour.

What colour is the engine?

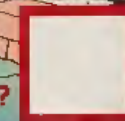
Point to the cranes.

How many people are there?

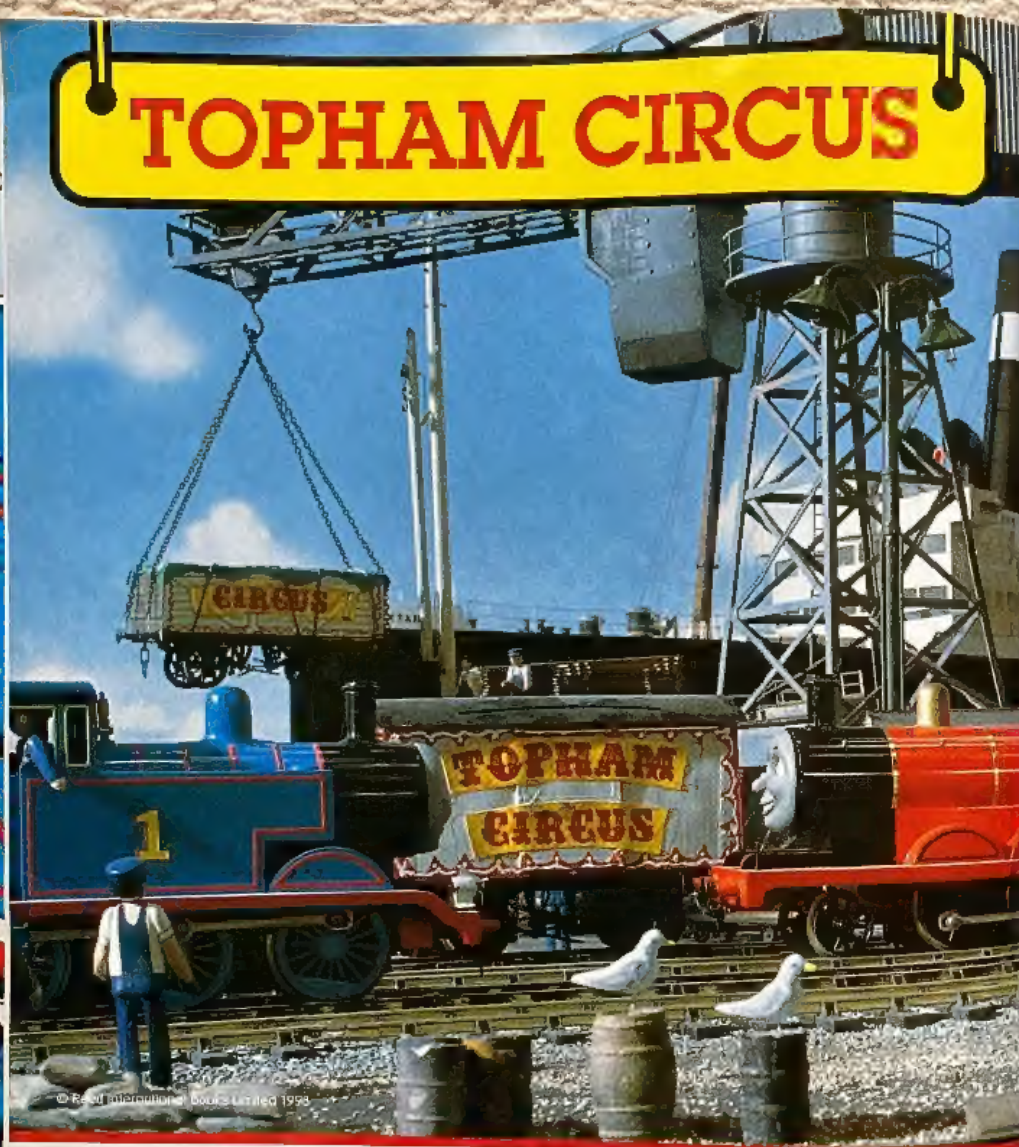


Henry is collecting some crates at the harbour.

How many trucks is he pulling?



TOPHAM CIRCUS



Topham Circus is coming to town.

Look at the picture above and answer the questions.

How many engines are there?

How many seagulls can you see?

How many funnels on the ship?



Draw some steam from the ship's funnels.

Which engines are working at the harbour?

Point to the crane.

Point to James' driver.





PERCY'S POSTBAG



Daisy

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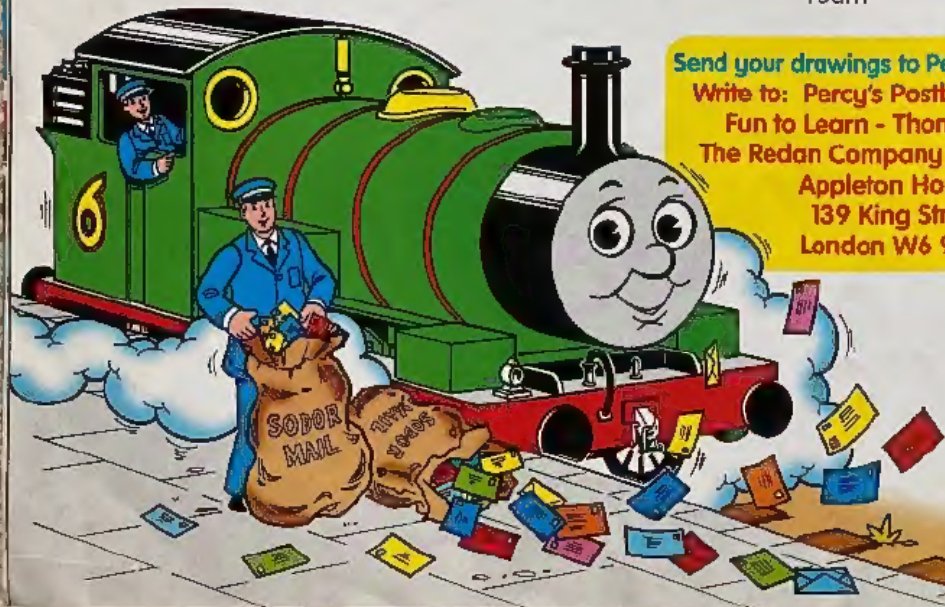


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Is Duncan kind hearted?

yes ☐ no ☐

(tick ✓ the correct box)

What colour is he?

red ☐ blue ☐ gold ☐

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Which letter does Duncan begin with?
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Caroline

George



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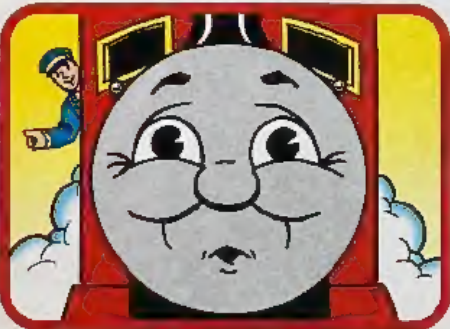
Henry and James



Henry likes going to the harbour.
He brings back fish on his train.



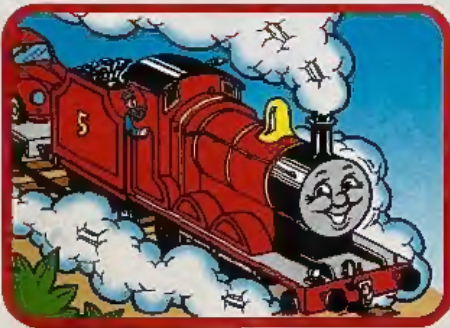
"You smell of fish!" hooted James.
"I'd hate going to the harbour!"



"Well," said his driver, "that's exactly
where we are going! Come on."



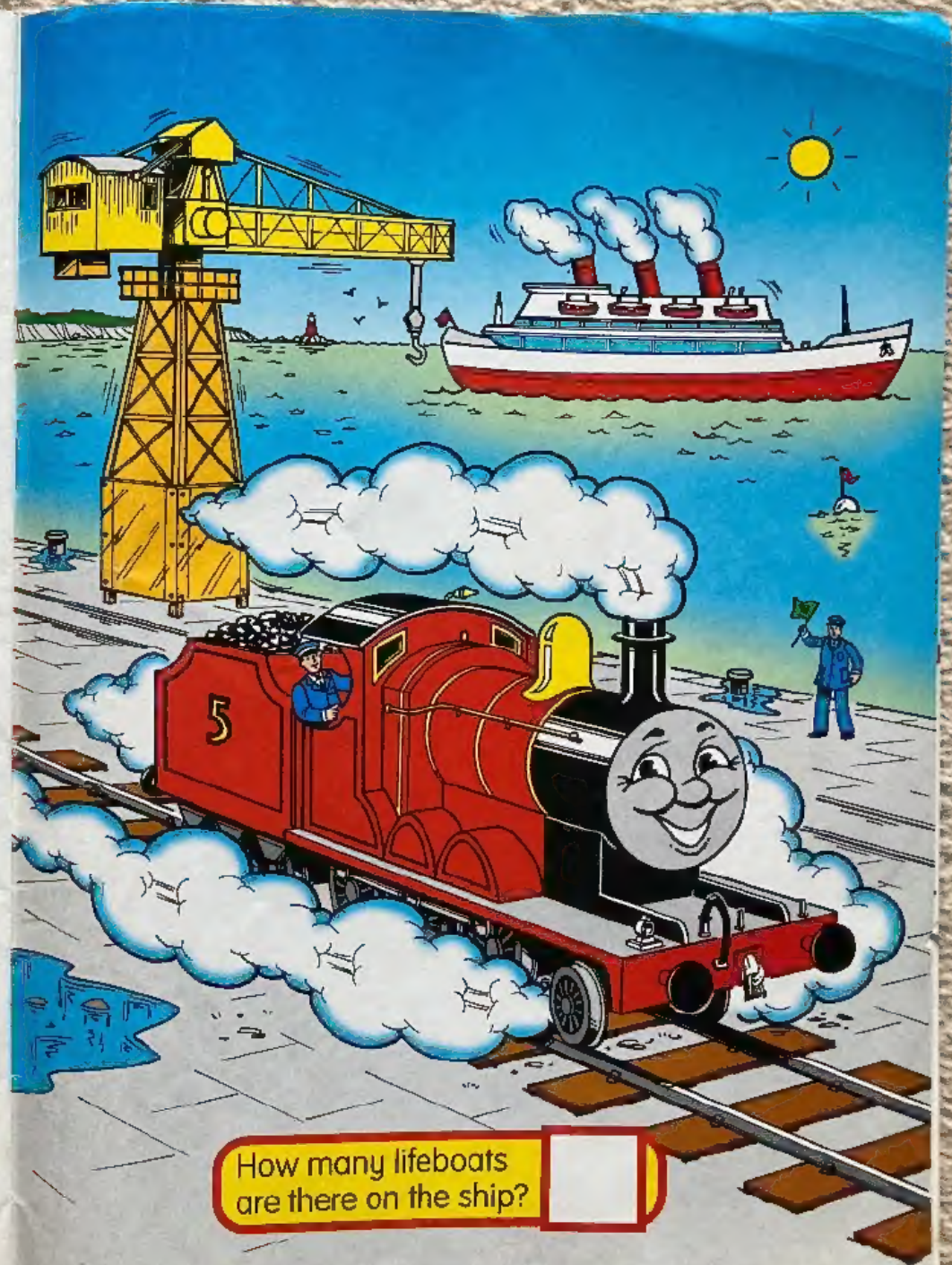
At the harbour, James saw huge
cranes unloading cars from a big ship.



They were put on transporters for
James to pull. "I'm so proud," he said.



"Even if you do smell of petrol!"
Henry hooted across the harbour.



How many lifeboats
are there on the ship?



In the background is a dock shunter working at Whitehaven in Cumbria. Shunting engines move the merchandise from the ships to the main railway line. **What colour is the ship's crane?**

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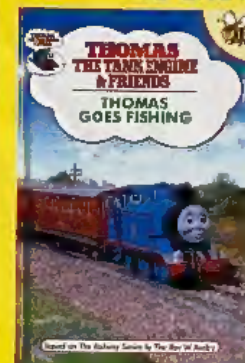
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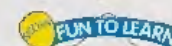
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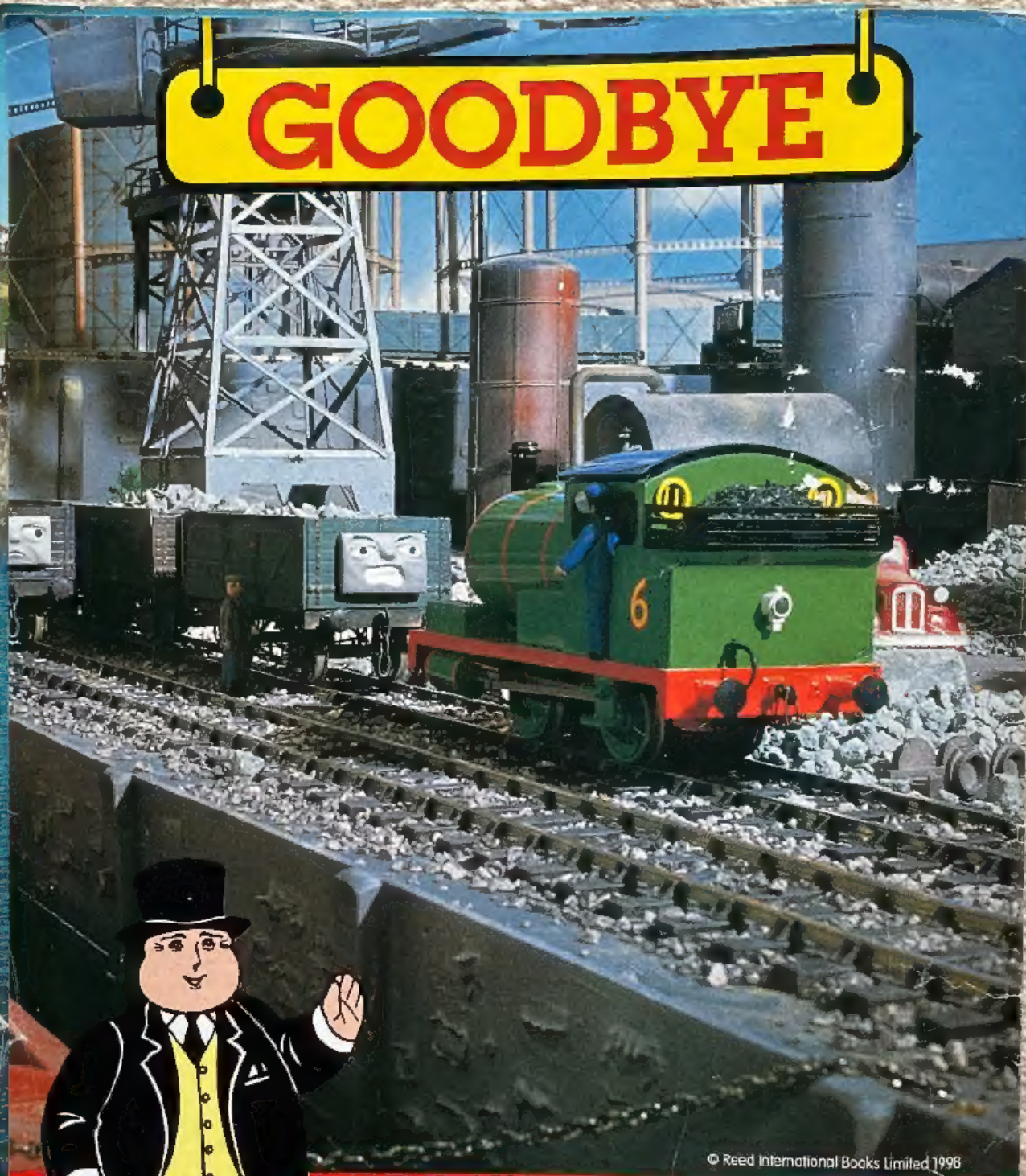
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